Women's Auxiliary to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers

Report of Ninth Meeting

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Woman's Auxiliary

Report of Ninth Meeting, Feb. 17, 1925

The meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary convened at 10:30 o'clock on February 17, in room 903 of the Engineering Societies Building, with Mrs. William Young Westervelt, the President, presiding and Mrs. George D. Barron in charge of the program.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, Mrs. Westervelt made the following address:

Mrs. Westervelt's Address

Ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary:—Today we are nine years old. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this birthday party, which is our ninth meeting.

In all these busy four days during which the Institute convenes we give only a part of one to the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary as an organization. Into these few hours we must crowd the experiences and the business of an entire year, and I am delighted to say that to do this becomes increasingly difficult. The Woman's Auxiliary is growing by leaps and bounds; but so soon as I have made that statement I wish to qualify it. We are not a precocious child. The growth of the Woman's Auxiliary has been very steady, very stable.

Many of our Sections have seemingly lived a life of ease and enthusiasm with very few if any discouraging moments; but in others the task of organization and the sustaining of interest and enthusiasm has been a hard one.

All mining women have more or less a common experience. They have lived in mountains and deserts, in camps and cities, and it is this common experience that gives us the imagination to see the difficulties. In mining regions is the difficulty of a scattered membership; in the north, the hard winters with deep snow and ice; in the south, the long summers of burning sand and blistering heat; in our cities, a thousand distractions and the feeling of being cut off from mining life. It is to meet just these needs that our six Standing Committees have come into being. Of the scope and usefulness of these Committees I cannot say too much; or rather the danger is that I shall say a great deal too much!

In all our minds the Educational Fund is identified with Mrs. Jennings, who has so wonderfully reared her latest child from infancy to its present

lusty state. She is so unnatural a mother as to threaten to abandon her offspring, but, she assures me, not until a most loving successor is found to take the burden. These young men whom we are educating for the mining and metallurgical professions are of the finest type, earnestly desiring the advantage and willing to work for it. The details of the work will be presented in Mrs. Jennings' report, but of her inspiring letters full of good will and good sense she may not tell you—yet this personal atmosphere of interested concern, which lifts our work out of the plane of the average collegiate scholarship, Mrs. Jennings has created. I hold the Woman's Auxiliary most fortunate to have secured for the first chairman of this fund a woman who combined this personal interest with a hard practical view of dollars and cents. The finances of the Fund are in a thoroughly stable condition. Nothing is undertaken which we are not equipped to perform; our responsibility to the young men to whom we pledge ourselves is never for a moment lost sight of.

During the year the faithful keeper of our Membership records, Mrs. Campbell, resigned. It is a heavy task to keep nearly fifteen hundred names accurately listed with the continuously changing addresses of mining people. The entire system of keeping these records has been coordinated and brought up to date by Mrs. Campbell in a manner which commands and receives our sincerest gratitude. We are exceedingly fortunate in securing Miss Georgeine Davis to take this work. Miss Davis has been in charge only about two months but already has convinced us that Mrs. Campbell's mantle has fallen upon most worthy shoulders.

Our Press is our radio. With our growth the scope of our Press work has been greatly enlarged by Mrs. Sharpless. Quietly and efficiently the reports have gone monthly to *Mining and Metallurgy* with a copy to each Section chairman. It is she who has kept us in touch with each other. This monthly bulletin is vitally important to our welfare—if we do not know each other, we cannot understand each other. It is to bring this about that Mrs. Sharpless has so faithfully labored. Since December, however, we have had to allow her to answer the call of the Northern Peninsula of Michigan to act as their representative. We all thank Mrs. Sharpless most sincerely for her devotion to this branch of our work. I am glad to announce that Mrs. Barbour has consented to take over the Press work. We know by experience that Mrs. Barbour's work is always beautifully done and are glad indeed to secure her. If you want to see your name in print, write Mrs. Barbour.

Our Emergency Chest, with Mrs. Lloyd holding the keys, is full of layettes and pajamas and nighties and sheets and pillow cases and all things dear to the hearts of women. As you hear the Section reports you will realize the importance of this work so splendidly aided and coordinated by its chairman.

And what shall I say of our Library and its chairman, Mrs. Huntoon! Like Pat, I'm "spacheless with unutterableness." Her energizing enthusiasm has swept through the entire Auxiliary. To think of two permanent public libraries established within the year and our entire organization roused to interest in them stirs the imagination. She will herself tell you how this has been brought about.

Mrs. Eilers carriers our Hospitality Committee and is always its Lady Bountiful. From her home radiates welcome to the stranger and good cheer to young and old not to be computed in any terms but those of friendship. "Make yourself known to Mrs. Eilers" and "Have a good time" are synonymous terms.

These are our six Committees. Don't you love them? I do.

During the year, two new Sections have been formed. Western Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, has a strong Section under the able leadership of Mrs. Frederick Crabtree; and New Mexico has organized at Socorro, under the magnetic Mrs. René Engel, and has founded there a public library. From Bethlehem, in Eastern Pennsylvania, and from Spokane comes the welcome news that organization will come in the near future.

At the annual meeting last year we announced the formation of the Arizona Section. We called it our baby, but like many babies it bids fair to become our teacher. Mrs. Graybeal, the Chairman, resident in Miami, after struggling with the difficulty of a widely scattered membership, is organizing the State on a basis of correspondence, with one or two meetings a year. If Mrs Graybeal can do this successfully she will have solved a most difficult problem, one that has halted the work in several districts, notably Minnesota, Oklahoma, and the Southeast. Only a woman of vision and executive ability combined could do this, and we congratulate ourselves and Arizona on having Mrs. Graybeal as chairman in this new district. Of the work accomplished, her own report will tell.

It is not for me to give the detail of our year's work, the bulk of which is enormous, but I ask you as you listen to our Section reports, to notice the consistent note of personal service sounding through them all. The District of Columbia came to the annual meeting two years ago fired with interest in making books for the blind. From that spark several of our Sections have taken fire, notably New York, which has done an enormous amount of Braille writing. Could anything be more personal than giving long hours to being eyes to the blind? Libraries in the large may be impersonal but W. A. libraries are not. Our mining family is sending its own books to Socorro and Wilburton for those mining families to read and enjoy; and out there, our women are giving lavishly of their time to cataloguing and distributing these same books. Endless seams are sewed, babies fed, homesick boys steadied and cheered; work and welcome are ready for the woman who must make new ties in a strange camp; and

everywhere fun and friendliness go hand in hand. Is it worth doing? Fifteen hundred women are answering "Yes!"

In October I visited the Sections east of the Mississippi. Beginning in Pittsburgh, I went to St. Louis, Chicago, Iron Mountain and Cleveland and later to the District of Columbia. To my great regret, illness prevented my going to Boston.

Everywhere I met the same lovely courtesy. Flowers, drives, lunches, dinners were the portion of the President of the Woman's Auxiliary. I realized as never before the value of our work as it now stands and the large opportunities which lie just ahead. It could not be otherwise considering the personnel of our Sections. It was a privilege to meet so many gracious, intelligent, clear-thinking women. We need have no fear for the future, they will enlarge our work and solve our problems. Though I could not at this time go beyond the Mississippi Valley, I know that had I done so each step would have been a repetition of my experience. The reports which come to the Board meeting every month are alive with good works and good will. The spirit of cooperation and solidarity steadily grows; not only among ourselves but with our parent society, the Institute. Many Sections are holding joint meetings with the men's Sections, to their mutual pleasure and advantage. We must never forget that the core of our organic life is that we are an Auxiliary to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. Our membership depends on the Institute membership and shares its vicissitudes; our aim is to render service through the medium of the professions which have made the Institute and to promote friendship in our midst, while our Educational Fund trains men to carry on its work of mining and metallurgy. Ours is a unique position, let us hold to it firmly by doing quietly and well the work we have set ourselves to do.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand Feb. 13, 1924		$ 874.20
Receipts		
Dues and initiation fees	$881.90	
Educational Fund	255.00	
Sundry, Mr. Keffer, etc	9.62	
Exchange paid by members	.10	
Interest, Guaranty Trust Co	21.85	
Total cash received 1924		$1,168.47
		$2042.67
Expenditures		
Refunds to Sections	$104.00	
Educational Fund	281.50	
Library Committee	18.50	
Stationary, printing and membership	121.80	
Publicity and mimeographing	59.35	
Treasurer stamps	23.00	
Ballots	22.50	
Annual Report	163.02	
Year book 1923 bal. due	26.52	
Sundry refund, Denver	2.00	
Auditor 1923	10.75	
Exchange charged by bank	3.70	
Total expenditures		836.64
Balance on hand, Feb. 16, 1925		$1206.03

Jane R. Dwight, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.
Chas. T. Howell, *Auditor.*

Educational Fund Report

The record of the working of the Educational Fund during the year February, 1924, to February, 1925, is one of increasing satisfaction, for as the Sections come more and more to realize the methods of the working of the Fund, and the system on which the scholarships are apportioned, they seem to take a greater interest in the working of this branch of the activities of the Woman's Auxiliary.

We now have one graduate scholar. The nominee of the Boston Section graduated this year from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he did first rate work and obtained at once a position with the Utah Apex at a salary of $200 a month. I should like to mention that he obtained this position entirely by his own efforts.

Two more of our scholars, the nominee of the Anaconda Section and the nominee of the A. I. M. E., expect to graduate at the close of this semester. The latter has done brilliant work, and the nominee of the

Anaconda Section, who was very young when he entered college, has done increasingly good work each year.

The nominee of the Colorado Section entered M. I. T. last fall and is making honor grades and doing splendidly.

We are proud to say that all our scholars are maintaining honor grades while doing outside work to support themselves, for naturally a scholarship of $500 a year cannot cover all their expenses.

Notices have been sent to all the Sections, of a scholarship to be competed for this March and your chairman was requested by the Board of Directors to prepare a statement of the aims and objects of the Educational Fund, which may be a help to the Sections in selecting their several candidates. A copy of this statement was mailed to each Section chairman with an accompanying letter from your President requesting that it might be read at the next business meeting of the Section.

As the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors is almost identical in its personnel, and a report has to be made to the Board every month, it has only been necessary to hold two meetings during the last year, one to decide on the successful candidate last March and one to authorize the grant of a fresh scholarship for which we expect to receive the candidates' applications next month.

Your Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Bohn, has been busy sending out notices and literature to the Sections and your Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Wolfes, has faithfully kept the accounts of which an audited report is appended. I may say here briefly that our receipts during the year have amounted to $1962.77, which is about $638 short of the $2600 we need to carry on efficiently, but with the additional interest of new Sections and added effort on the part of old friends we hope to reach the full sum next year. Your Chairman wishes to express her thanks to both these ladies who have worked so faithfully and to all the committee whose interest and help has been unfailing. Your Chairman herself has experienced the greatest pleasure and gratification in her correspondence with the students whose interest, enthusiasm and appreciation amply repay any effort made for them. Our only regret is that we have not more scholarships to offer the men who have such fine records but just come a little short of the very best!

(Mrs. Sidney J.) Amy F. Jennings,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

Report of Treasurer of Educational Fund

We have audited the accounts of Mrs. E. H. Wolfes as Treasurer of the Educational Fund for the period February 13, 1924 to February 11, 1925, and submit the following statement of the fund, which we hereby certify to be correct:

Receipts

Balance in bank, February 13, 1924		$2,522.48
Contributions	$1,637.25	
Interest on bank balances	74.89	
Interest on Liberty Loan bonds owned	10.63	1,722.77
		$4,245.25

Disbursements

Stationery, stamps, exchange, etc	$ 28.55	
Advances to Raoul G. Bergman	200.00	
Advances to James B. Christie	550.00	
Advances to Arthur F. Johnson	500.00	
Audit Fee—Whittlesey & Millar	10.00	1,288.55
Balance in bank, February 11, 1925		$2,956.70
Add: $250.00 par value Liberty Loan Bonds, purchased at		214.39
Total resources of Fund, February 11, 1925		$3,171.09

We have verified the balance in bank as correct.

Mrs. Wolfes stated that the bond was in her safe deposit box at the Forty-second Street Branch of the National City Bank, and we consider her acknowledgement satisfactory evidence of its existence.

In our letter report of February 14, 1924, we called attention to what appeared to be receipts by Mrs. Parmelee, Chairman of the New York Section, of $36.00, which had not been transferred to Mrs. Wolfes. We have been unable to identify this item with any of the receipts reported by Mrs. Wolfes during the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

WHITTLESEY & MILLAR, *Certified Public Accountants.*

Treasurer's Statement

With reference to the last paragraph in the report of the auditors, Whittlesey & Millar, the stubs in Mrs. Parmelee's book not accounted for individually in Mrs. Wolfes' book are expressed in the lump sum contributed by the New York Section at the end of its fiscal year.

These additional contributions for the year of 1924 have been received since the books were audited.

From Washington, D. C	$150.00
Ohio	75.00
Butte	10.00

The receipts from sections for 1924 have therefore been as follows:

Anaconda	$ 25.00
Arizona	26.00
Boston	75.00
Butte	20.00
California (Northern and San Francisco)	25.00
California (Southern and Los Angeles)	150.00
Chicago	100.00
Denver	200.00
District of Columbia	208.73
Michigan	25.00
New York	700.00
Ohio	75.00
Pennsylvania West	78.25
Utah	64.50
Individual Contributions (two)	105.00
Interest on Bonds and Bank balances	85.52
Total receipts for 1924	$1,963.50

HARIET WOLFES, *Treasurer.*

Remarks

Mrs. Henderson, having requested the floor, said:

"I think we all owe Mrs. Jennings a tremendous debt. She almost omitted one thing, however; that is, the requests of the boys that could not get the scholarships. So many apply, but only one can be chosen. It seems to me perfectly dreadful. I have here a copy of a letter that was sent by Professor Forbes, in which he says: 'During my twelve years I have never known a young man who was more in earnest or more conscientious in his college work. He was one of the few that apparently had a definite goal in view.' I think it is up to us to help Mrs. Jennings to keep us busy."

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Last November the Board of Directors accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. William Campbell as chairman of the Membership Committee; the present chairman was appointed in her stead.

Since a list of all the members of the Auxiliary was published in 1924, and since this list is to be issued only every other year, the work of the Membership Committee during the past months has been concerned chiefly with keeping the card index of members correct and up to date. The figures for the past year are as follows: 202 new members, and a loss of 99 through death, resignation, or because they have never paid dues. This makes a gain of 103 in our membership, and a total of 1434.

A list of new members and their addresses for the year 1924–1925 will be posted.

GEORGENE DAVIS, *Chairman.*

Press Committee

Following the custom that has proved satisfactory in previous years, the work of the Press Committee during 1924 has consisted in summarizing the proceedings of the Director's meetings and the reports from the various Sections submitted at these meetings. A rather full summary was generally prepared, copies of which have been transmitted to the New York representative of each section, who, in turn, has submitted it to the proper officer of the Section which she is representing.

A copy of the summary has also been furnished *Mining and Metallurgy,* which has each month most courteously published a notice of Auxiliary activities.

On December 4, Mrs. F. F. Sharpless tendered her resignation as Chairman of the Press Committee and Mrs. Percy E. Barbour was appointed to fill the position.

Caroline H. Sharpless, *Retiring Chairman.*

Emergency Chest Committee

The Chest, now in its third year, is no longer an experiment, but an institution of the Woman's Auxiliary. The duties of the Emergency Chest consists not only in sewing, but in doing anything to relieve emergencies. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Auxiliary held last May, this question arose and was thoroughly discussed. Mrs. Hardinge, who, as you know, organized the Chest under her presidency, said that the thought she had in mind when the Emergency Chest was organized was that it should be what its name implies, an organization to meet emergencies of all kinds.

The National Chest has no funds; it can work only through personal service. It was decided at that meeting that any individual Section finding itself in need of assistance should call on the National Chairman of the Chest Committee, and she would issue calls for help to the other Sections, asking them to do what they could to help their sister Section.

I wish also to bring to your attention that there seems to be a confused idea among some of the members that the National Chest Committee, of which I am chairman, is an appendage to the New York Section. This is an error; there is no more relation between the National Chest Committee and the New York Section than there is between it and any other Section. The Chest Committee stands for the Woman's Auxiliary as a whole and not for any particular Section.

Last year at this time we were rejoicing over our baby Section, Arizona. To quote an old colored mammy, I will say "How dat chile has growed is jus' amazin'." The Arizona Section deserves much credit in choosing for its Chest work such a worthy cause as The Hospital for the Tubercular at Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Graybeal, Chairman of that

Section, appealed for help through the Chest Committee and also by personal letters of appeal to members of her own Section, and through her efforts much has been done and more is being done to help that worthy institution.

The District of Columbia has responded and the New York Section is busy sewing on pajamas and bed garments for that hospital. There may have been other Sections who have responded to this call but, so far, those are all that have reported to me.

We are all familiar with the pace set by Butte and Anaconda for doing wonderful work in their own fields of endeavor and we also know of the good work of both the Southern California Section and the Utah Section. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan, with a small number of members, great distances and severe climatic conditions, furnishes an example which is to be emulated.

Our new baby Sections this year are Western Pennsylvania and New Mexico; when they are a little older I hope to hear from them and I feel quite sure we shall be as proud of them as we are of our other offspring.

I should like to go into a detail of the work of each Section—all have done splendid work—but that properly comes in their individual reports, which you will hear read later. I do wish to report, however, that the work of the Emergency Chest for 1924 is most gratifying.

STELLA WARDE LLOYD, *Chairman.*

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

I have the honor to submit the following Annual Report of your Library Committee with hearty thanks to all who have cooperated in this work:

Personnel of Committee and Sections Cooperating

Your Chairman of the Library Committee in March, 1924 invited each Local Section chairman to serve on the Library Committee or to appoint some member of such Local Section to serve, the duties of Section appointees being the establishment of Raymond Public Libraries in deserving mining camps and the equipment of such libraries with books collected from members of the Sections or their friends.

Prompt acceptances were received from four Sections: Mrs. William Kelly, Michigan and Mrs. H. Norman Spicer, New York. In May, the District of Columbia appointed Mrs. J. R. Roberts, and her acceptance was received in June. The Puget Sound Section advised that they planned to make a book chest to be circulated among mining camps.

To further the library interests among the Sections not responding, a circular letter under date of August, 1924, detailing the successful establishment of the first Raymond Public Library at Wilburton, Okla., under the enthusiastic and efficient cooperation of Mrs. René Engel, was

mailed to each Section chairman. This letter brought replies from three Sections: Mrs. Spencer Hutchinson, Boston; an expression of a desire to cooperate from Mrs. Luther V. Rice, Chicago; and an announcement from Mrs. Horace V. Winchell, Chairman of Southern California, that she had appointed a committee of three with Mrs. Blackford as chairman.

In October, the Western Pennsylvania Section appointed Mrs. Graham Bright; and in January, 1925, Mrs. Duncan MacVichie, Chairman of the Utah Section, accepted membership. Mrs. Charles B. Murray, Chairman of the Cleveland Section, has advised that they will send books to Socorro, New Mexico. Mrs. René Engel, Chairman of the recently established New Mexico Section, is also a member of the committee.

Of the seventeen Sections, eleven have either appointed members to the Library Committee or have agreed to cooperate with the movement.

Raymond Public Libraries Established

During the past year the first two Raymond Public Libraries were established at Wilburton, Okla., and Socorro, N. M. These were made possible by the zeal, enterprise, and vision of Mary M. Engel, a book lover who has hungered for good books in bookless mining camps.

On the advice of Mrs. James F. Kemp that Mrs. René L. H. Engel might like to cooperate in establishing a library at Wilburton, your Chairman wrote Mrs. Engel, April, 1924, offering a nucleus of 60 books, which would be added to by other members. Mrs. Engel's letter of acceptance stated that a library would be a God-send to the mining and agricultural town of 3000. She further advised that her cousin, Col. Edward Emerson of Concord, Mass., had offered her several hundred books and that the Woman's Club of Wilburton had procured a suitable library hall, agreed to take care of local expenses, and would furnish librarians. In order to classify the books for indexing, Mrs. Engel studied the Dewey system—to some of us a Gargantuan task—and instructed the clubwomen so that proper classification would be continued. Tables, chairs, and curtains were donated. To raise the necessary funds for painting, papering, and shelving, the women of the club sold rubber goods for the Household Specialties' Company, for which they received 40 per cent. of the sales.

The Raymond Public Library of Wilburton, the first to be established, was opened June 6, 1924, with an enrollment of 356 classified books. Each person desiring membership was asked to donate a book; 125 books were thus received. The latest advice that your Chairman has is that the library numbers approximately 1000 classified books.

No place more fitting for a Raymond Library could be found than Socorro, N. M., the home of the State School of Mines with limited library facilities, an area which early attracted mining engineers and

investors and one about which Dr. Raymond published much statistical information from 1869 to 1876.

If it required only two months for Mrs. Engel to organize and equip her first library, her second undertaking was no less phenomenal. Professor Engel entered upon his new duties as professor of geology in the State School of Mines early in September. On September 20 your Chairman wrote Mrs. Engel: "How about a library in Socorro? We have 79 books for you and our committee will get busy." Five days later Mrs. Engel replied: "Your letter was a spur to action. I have a library on foot and a place will be ready for your books as soon as they arrive. You and Mrs. Emerson must work together on libraries, for she has offered me 256 books."

In less than five months the Socorro Public Library has catalogued 1152 books. Every contribution is acknowledged by a personal letter, 147 such letters having been written and the name of each donor recorded in the books. Quoting from one of Mrs. Engel's letters:

"I wish that every member of the A. I. M. E. who has published a book or paper would contribute a copy for the work. All books on mining are eagerly received in a mining camp."

Source of Books

Following is a summary of the latest information received in regard to the source and destination of the books:

Boston.—One package of books to Socorro, N. M.

Cleveland.—One package of books to Socorro, N. M.

District of Columbia.—42 books, 25 magazines, and yearly subscriptions to two magazines to Socorro, N. M.

Illinois.—200 books to a mining camp at Westville, Ill.

Western Pennsylvania.—69 books and yearly subscription to one magazine to Socorro, New Mexico.

Southern California.—Books being collected to send to Jerome, Ariz.

Utah.—Recently adopted Hiawatha, Utah, for which it is collecting books.

New York.—485 books and yearly subscription to one magazine, to Wilburton, Okla.

533 books and yearly subscription to one magazine, to Socorro, N. M.

185 books to American Merchant Marine.

Total, 1203.

Foreign Countries.—Chile, 5; Quebec, 4; Mexico, 3; England, 2; Porto Rico, 1.

Members at Large.—In response to reply-postal cards to the membership not affiliated with Local Sections, 11 per cent. responded by sending books to Socorro, N. M.

Non-members.—Personal friends of a few members not in any way affiliated with the Auxiliary have sent over 600 books to Wilburton, Okla., and Socorro, N. M.

Personal Contributions.—I have been advised that among those who have contributed more than 25 books from their libraries are the following:

Auxiliary Members

Mrs. George D. Barron	394
Mrs. Fred Hellmann	84
Mrs. W. Y. Westervelt	75
Mrs. H. N. Spicer	73

Friends or Relatives of Members

Mrs. Edward Emerson, Concord, Mass	Several hundred
Mrs. Florence H. Dock, Pleasantville, N. Y	79
Chappaqua Public Library, Chappaqua, N. Y	60
Mrs. W. A. Niell, Mt. Vernon, N. Y	43
Gabriel, Diana, and John A. Church, 3rd, A. I. M. E. Kiddies	28

Receipts and Expenses

To meet the cost of book plates, Mrs. R. L. Lloyd generously contributed $50 of which your Chairman has expended $12.50, leaving a balance of $37.50. Expressage, freight and postage on books sent are paid by individual members.

Future Libraries

There must be any number of women in mining camps who will welcome this opportunity for making themselves an enduring power for human enrichment. When such women are advised of the work accomplished by Mrs. Engel it is hoped that they will get in touch with their Section chairman or the Chairman of the Library Committee, who will cooperate in every way in establishing new libraries.

Conclusions

No better opportunity is offered for Americanization than by establishing good libraries in our mining camps, some of which are largely populated by foreigners. It is a work in which every Section member can engage without regard to residence (books received from South America, Porto Rico, England, and Canada) or expense; it costs but a few cents to mail a book which one has read and is through with. It is interesting to note how many of one's friends are eager to cooperate in this work. Not only are novels of the day in demand but technical, scientific, historical, biographical, and children's books are greatly appreciated. Mrs. Engel writes that the best "customers" at Wilburton are boys, and on the opening day at Socorro thirteen children called, with only eighteen children's books in the library. If our members with children will

interest them in sending books now and then, a double service will be accomplished.

After hearing of the work accomplished by Mrs. Engel and the hearty cooperation received from the members of the Auxiliary and their friends, there is every reason to believe that the Raymond Libraries throughout the mining camps will become as well known as the Carnegie Libraries throughout the United States.

MRS. LOUIS D. HUNTOON, *Chairman.*

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

I have been Chairman of the Hospitality committee for the past two years, and during that time I have enjoyed the experiences thoroughly. However, if I am to continue I would like to reorganize my one-man committee and ask to have a representative from each Section to help in this very pleasant and happy work. There is a great deal for the Hospitality Committee to do, such as making calls on out-of-town guests, and helping them in whatever their wishes may be, looking after those who may be ill and need cheering up; in short, giving everyone a happy smile and a word of friendly greeting and trying to make them feel that "Out where the West begins" is really in the East.

(MRS. KARL) LEONIE W. EILERS.

ARIZONA SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. E. V. Graybeal *Representative,* Mrs. Walter Douglas

Mrs. L. O. Howard and Mrs. J. H. Hensley Jr., the original Chairman and Secretary of the Arizona Section, collected the names of about twenty women in the Globe-Miami District eligible for membership in the W. A. A. I. M. E., and interested. This pioneer work was already done when I was elected chairman on Feb. 1, 1924. Our specific interest was still to be determined. We decided to put the half dues returned to us with the Educational Fund. After considerable inquiry and discussion, the Tucson Tubercular Charity Hospital (The Comstock Hospital) was unanimously and enthusiastically decided upon as the most appropriate and worthy object for our activities. We began by holding social meetings to which each member brought a guest, and which cleared $8 as the nucleus of our working fund. The dark days then began. Our letter to the hospital asking what we could do was apparently unanswered, for their reply went astray in the mails. We met with fewer members present each time and each time there was nothing to do. We finally decided to hold no more meetings until October. In the meantime, word came from the hospital and those of us who saw the letters grew very impatient to begin work. However, it seemed almost impossible to get people together in our scattered district. Our October meeting

was a failure, so I invited the members to my house. That meeting was another failure. Much discouraged, I decided to try circular letters as a last resort. It then occurred to me to send letters to the members throughout the State as well as in the Globe-Miami district, for if our business had to be conducted by correspondence it was just as easy to include them. Instead of trying to hold the bridge party we had planned to raise money, I asked each member to send two dollars, the price of a table, so that we could buy some linen. We then collected a jar or two of fruit from each local member, or the equivalent in money with which to buy fresh fruit for the hospital. Mr. O'Brien took the fruit to Tucson, and it was much appreciated. With the money we collected for the linen, we bought a bolt of Utica sheeting, 57 yards (which Mrs. Donahue made up into 19 sheets) 5 doz. Turkish towels, 5 doz. pillowslips and 3½ doz. huck towels, all of which were very gratefully received by the hospital.

I sent a second circular letter reporting all this and enclosing copies of letters from the hospital and from Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Lloyd. I expect to send a third letter very soon and hope to have a meeting for the election of officers and the perfection of our organization. The interest my letters have disclosed is amazing, especially in consideration of the apparent lack of it shown by the meetings. I go into detail thus in hope of helping those who are trying to organize in other scattered districts.

The first week in February, I visited Phoenix and Tucson. From Phoenix, I sent out material concerning the scholarship to all mining district newspapers. In Tucson, I visited our hospital. It is a small place and very well conducted but their means are so limited. Most of the patients are very sick, probably incurable. The death rate consequently is very high.

The patients are not all the class who commonly receive charity, but with so many people flocking to Tucson in search of health there are sure to be those who do not realize the expense of the trip, the length of time necessary for a cure, even if it is possible, and, in addition, those who met with misfortune on the way. The hospital receives no state aid and I think no county aid. The D. A. R. have helped it to a considerable extent but generally speaking it is entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions. They receive no patients who can possibly go elsewhere. Colored patients are not taken in. Only two of the patients at present pay anything and neither of them the full cost of treatment. There is only one patient from Arizona, although they always make a place for an Arizona patient. They could use more linen always and pajamas, flannel and muslin nightdresses for women patients. I think blankets would be acceptable at any time and such things as warm bed jackets. Of course, they never have money enough.

ALICE GRAYBEAL, *Chairman.*

Mrs. Westervelt commented on Mrs. Graybeal's report as follows: "I think you realize what I meant when I said Mrs. Graybeal is doing a pioneer work. She feels it herself. This matter of organizing the whole State in this way is of great value to us. In states where there are scattered populations, eventually a great many little groups will grow up. They will have to coordinate; and to start Arizona in this way is more valuable than we realize at the beginning. I hope we will follow this work of Arizona with a great deal of interest and support Mrs. Graybeal in the work generally as far as we possibly can.

Northern California Section

Chairman, Mrs. F. W. Bradley *Representative,* Mrs. E. H. Wolfes

The activities of the Emergency Chest were carried on under the able leadership of Mrs. W. S. Morley. Apart from the many delightful social events, a course in first aid was given and enthusiastically attended by many of the ladies. The chief interest of the Section, however, centered in the Educational Fund. A donation was sent to the National Fund and further contributions were raised to assist the unsuccessful candidate in his university career.

Mrs. E. H. Wolfes, *Representative.*

Southern California Section

Chairman, Mrs. H. V. Winchell *Representative,* Mrs. J. V. W. Reynders

Another year of activities has drawn to a close, and it is with mixed feelings that I record our successes and our failures—joy that we have at least not gone backward in our development, and regret that we have not brought to larger fruition all the useful and philanthropic plans to which we mentally pledged ourselves at the beginning of the year. We are a congenial group of women, and while our monthly meetings may not have very large results educationally, they certainly pay good dividends in friendliness and loyalty. So I am a little sad as I sing my swan song and regret relinquishing my pleasant position as chairman. I earnestly hope and believe that my successor will enjoy the friendliness and cooperation that has been so helpful to me, not only in the work, but in my life.

I think I have established quite a record in one way this year. We have held eleven meetings, including today's and I have not missed one. We held no meetings in July and August but resumed them in September by being entertained with luncheon at the beautiful and picturesque home in the Hollywood Hills of one of our most loyal members, Mrs. Julian Boyd. The following month, October, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Wiley offered their beautiful orange ranch and home at Glendora for a picnic meeting. That is an annual affair to which we always look forward with joy and remember with gratitude. Here in California we are particularly favored by being able to have meetings at seaside or mountains any time of the year, so one meeting was held at Santa Monica and one at the Uplifters Club in the hills near the sea.

We have had several instructive talks (all from our own members) and have been complimented by a banquet and dance given in our honor by the men's Section of the A. I. M. E. at the California Country Club on the evening of October 14. Everyone enjoyed it exceedingly excepting the Chairman of the Woman's Auxiliary, who had been requested to enlighten the poor ignorant mere men as to the *raison d'être* of the Woman's Auxiliary. Judging by the applause after enumerating our various activities, she assumed that they were convinced of our usefulness in the scheme of things pertaining to the A. I. M. E. The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. L. D. Ricketts, former president of the Institute, who discussed in non-technical terms "Recollections of an Arizona Copper Miner."

We have had, and enjoyed, as guests from New York, Mrs. John A. Church and Mrs. S. J. Jennings, and we appreciated the brief visit of Mrs. Reynders, who entertained the Board at a delightful luncheon at the Biltmore. On Mrs. Reynders' suggestion, we sent out cards to our members asking for their opinion in regard to doubling the annual dues. The result to date of answers received is 56 for and 9 against the increase.

We have a committee, headed by Mrs. Blackford, working on plans to establish libraries at mining camps in this vicinity, and collecting books to that end, but nothing definite has developed as yet.

Our Needlework Committee reports 110 garments and $2.50 contributed, with $19.15 in the treasury to the credit of the guild.

Our treasurer's report, herewith submitted, shows a balance on hand of $112.38 on which to begin the new year. Our membership, after culling out all whose dues remain unpaid after two years, is 118. We advanced $75 as a loan to our own unsuccessful canditate for a scholarship, as, owing to sickness in his family, it seemed that unless he received some financial aid he would be obliged to leave college.

IDA BELLE WINCHELL, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report, Southern California Section

Balance on hand, January 25, 1924		$159.92
Receipts		
Annual dues	$ 92.50	
Initiation fees	6.00	
Educational Fund, General	37.35	
Educational Fund, Special	112.00	
Needlework Fund	31.15	
Refund on postal cards	1.49	280.49
Total		$440.41
Disbursements		
Educational Fund, C. Compton	75.00	
Postal cards, Mrs. Latham	10.00	
Luncheon expenses	5.20	
Mrs. Charles, exp. multigraphing and envelopes	4.65	
Mrs. Mott, stationery and printing	24.08	
Treasurer, postal cards and postage	1.10	
Mrs. Staunton, needlework	12.00	
Mrs. Dwight, Educational fund	150.00	
Mrs. Dwight, Pro-rata dues collected	46.00	$328.03
Balance on hand, January 20, 1925		$112.38

ILMA D. SCHILLING, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. Barron introduced Mrs. Keyes, of Colorado, who read the report of the Section in that State, as follows:

COLORADO (DENVER) SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Wegemann *Representative,* Mrs. H. J. Wolf

The last meeting before our summer vacation was held May 7, at the Denver Country Club. The election will be held in May, 1925, so the officers are the same as last year.

Our meetings now are being held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month instead of the first and third. We found that many of our members were busy on the first and third Wednesdays and hoped by this change to have a larger attendance at both sewing and social meetings. A membership drive was launched this fall and sixteen prospective members are the result.

Mr. Arthur Johnson, a former student at the University of Colorado, was chosen by the National Council for the scholarship maintained by the Educational Fund. We also heard, through our Educational Committee, of a Mr. Montague who is very anxious to finish his college course and has not been able to do so. This section took the matter up and voted to help Mr. Montague and to raise $350 for him to continue his education at the Colorado School of Mines.

Our rummage sale was held May 21, at which we cleared $225. Mrs. Ionides gave us her home and donated the refreshments for a bridge afternoon. At this we made $70 for our fund.

Our first fall meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Wegemann, and was well attended. On Oct. 28, we gave a buffet supper and dance, which netted $167.80 for the fund. A sale held by two little girls, Peggy Thompson and Margaret Ionides, brought $25 more. These youngsters made all of the articles themselves and this gift was taken to Mrs. Montague at Thanksgiving time.

To three mining companies, we have sent magazines and books, and the eagerness displayed by these men in obtaining reading matter is gratifying.

One of our members pays $50 per month towards educating a mining engineer and another member cared for a miner's widow who was ill for six months.

We had an ice-cream day during the holiday season for the soldiers at Fitzsimmons Hospital.

Twenty-two garments have been made for the Day Nursery and one dozen dresses for the Neighborhood House children.

The question concerning the raising of dues from $1 to $2 per year was favorably voted on by the Denver Section and the New York Secretary notified of the action. We are sending on $100 for the National Educational Fund.

Treasurer's Report, Colorado Section

Receipts

Interest to Oct. 1	$ 3.63	
Dues	40.00	
Rummage sale	225.00	
Mrs. Ionides' tea	70.00	
Sale { Peggy Thompson / Margaret Ionides }	25.00	
Buffet supper and dance	167.80	
Educational Fund	82.19	$613.62

Disbursements

Dues to Mrs. Dwight	$ 18.50	
Mr. Montague	350.00	
Mrs. Montague	25.00	
Expense buffet supper	28.85	
Sundries	29.65	$452.00
Balance in bank		161.62
National Educational Fund (to be sent)		100.00
Net Balance		$ 61.62

HELEN B. BOSWORTH, *Recording Secretary.*

District of Columbia Section

Chairman, Mrs. H. S. Mulliken *Representative,* Mrs. R. F. Bacon

Receiving upon one occasion, a very severe reprimand from the head of a traffic squad for not having bought a new automobile license, I remarked, "Mr. Officer, honestly the year has passed so quickly I still thought it was Spring." He threw up his hands, gave me a quizzical look as if to say "What's the use," and rode off. Now that is the way I feel about 1924. The time has simply flown, but we are together again, thank goodness and we have only this Spring-like sensation in our hearts as we hear of the little new buds, new ideas, and joyousness in plans for new work in the various Sections of the Woman's Auxiliary all over the country.

In Washington, we began the year's activities with our usual collection of clothes for the poor. Quite a generous allotment was divided between the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army—one or two articles I sold, reserving the amount for the Educational Fund. There being no particular place available that month for our 75c luncheon, I prepared and served the meal myself—in consequence we only had to pay 60c, residue to be used for Educational Fund. Then I invited the members to an afternoon tea, they paying the 75c over and above expenses to the Educational Fund in lieu of the regular luncheon.

We have given our support to two important measures, namely, League for Law Enforcement and the upholding of that Rent Commission, very necessary in the Capitol City.

We have not done much Braille, due to the fact that all but two members of the class left town. We hope for renewed interest in the coming year. We have had but three resignations (all for legitimate reasons) and ten new members. We will inaugurate a membership drive during the coming season.

For our Christmas activities we sent a tiny thought in the shape of greeting cards from the National Capitol to all the other auxiliaries. Mrs. T. T. Read had this in charge. To Mrs. S. C. Lind was given the responsibility of sending a gift of linen to the Tubercular Hospital in Tucson, Ariz. Through Mrs. J. R. Roberts, whose service has been of extreme value to the Section during her short term as Library Chairman, we ordered two yearly subscriptions for Mrs. Engel's library in Socorro.

Mrs. Geo. S. Rice, courtesy Chairman, has attended to the sending of flowers to our afflicted friends in the time of their distress and sorrow.

Our main social event was a visit from our National President, Mrs. Westervelt. Through the added impetus from her appeal, and the personal popularity of our Educational Chairman, Mrs. C. C. Griggs, we are delighted to state our contribution this year is very generous, $155.75. With a few exceptions, we are united, and so willing to respond to the

call from National Headquarters to aid in this great work which stands apart as the main object for which we are organized.

Mrs. S. C. Sears, acting Vice-chairman, has graciously assisted upon all occasions. Mrs. G. J. Lyon, Treasurer, has proved a most careful auditor and guardian of our bank account, Mrs. W. C. Mendenhall, has been ever ready with her valuable advice as regards the knotty problems of Parliamentary Law, and Mrs. Craigue's friendly cooperation has been beyond words to express. "They say" a good secretary is the backbone of any organization. Without Mrs. Craigue's unfailing aid in all emergencies my task would have been at times rather difficult.

And now I stand before you simply as one of those present. I have relinquished the gavel into hands far more clever than mine. Mrs. James F. Callbreath, the new Chairman of the District of Columbia Section, is greatly beloved, and under her jurisdiction and Section will flourish and prosper. As a sort of farewell message, you will pardon a little personal reminiscence—all tender old ladies like to look backward and reminisce a bit. You see, I was present at the birth of this Washington child, so naturally its progress interests me. As I review the four years of my service, I feel on the whole they have been very happy years. As yet the Cheshire Cat stage of contentment has not been reached, but I hope it will not be considered unethical to emit an occasional purr. It is needless to mention, before such an experienced audience, the difficulties arising in organizing and serving as head of *any* organization —it is *not* an easy thing—it is *far* easier to accept no responsibility beyond that of coming when one happens to feel in the mood for that particular kind of amusement, or worse, to be the Conscientious Objector, who is ever present and whispering complainingly, but *who never talks out loud.* They, like the poor, are always with us. Again I repeat, and in this I may be wrong, we have had a very happy time together. I know that I have made some valuable friends who probably would not have come my way had I not been in this position. I am grateful to them for their friendship and I hope it may last throughout my life. To those who do not care for me, I have only the feeling of keenest sympathy, because I dislike myself so very much I can *best,* perhaps, understand *their* mental attitude. You know Mark Twain said, "It's the difference in opinion that makes horse racing."

My belief in this Auxiliary is undiminishing. In Washington, with pride, I have brought to the meetings people of note and social prominence, for the intellectual interest and social pleasure of the members. It is a delight to have been associated with women, the great majority of whom pull so well together. That I have been the ship's pilot is but a coincidence—some one had to be. We have had, on the whole, fair and pleasant weather, stopping to pause awhile and visit small isles of

joy in the shape of our monthly luncheons. Some storms of course, had to be surmounted, "squalls" would be a better word. I have been but the hand that guided the rudder, the chairmen were the propelling force kept at work by the enthusiasm of the membership passengers. As we journey on, if an oar breaks or the arm grows weary of its task, the speed slackens and the entire mechanism will show lessening power. Let us remember this, and never let it occur. Let us have a National vision, not the warped outlook of individualism. Let us grow in strength and increase our usefulness in a fast moving world which sadly needs the help of solid, sane citizenship. Then, like the Spanish, we can say, *Siempre que nos vamos bien* (always do we travel well).

ELISE MULLIKEN, *Chairman.*

The business of the meeting was here interrupted by the entrance of Mr. J. V. W. Reynders, newly elected President of the Institute. The audience rose and applauded as Mr. Reynders came into the room. Mrs. Westervelt said: "We need no introduction to Mr. Reynders, the incoming President of the Institute, who is now our boss."

MR. REYNDERS' ADDRESS

I wish Mrs. Westervelt would put that into writing—that boss business. I think I would be able to use that in my own home a little bit. (Laughter.)

I would like to say, Madam President, how great a privilege it is to be here and to have the very first act of my administration consist of addressing the Woman's Auxiliary. I also would say that, taking the large attendance you have here, you are setting a very excellent example to all the activities of the Institute.

The Auxiliary was formed in an atmosphere of public service and it seems to me that you are carrying out your traditions in a very effective manner. In some respects you have already set the example to some of the other Founder Societies. I believe the Mechanicals have now followed your good example, although I am told they would profit by your guidance. The Mining Engineers have also set the example, and I say the very good taste, of having the ladies present at their annual dinner, and that example is being followed by the Civils, who, as a result, will become more civil, and the Electros, who I presume find the need of being electrified.

I would like to say a word in regard to the difference of the relations that exist between the women in the mining industry and the other branches of the engineering profession. It seems to me that the close relation which exists between the women and the engineers in our Institute probably arises from the fact that you are closer to our activities

than is the case in other branches of engineering. The fact that most of you have lived in mining camps and in smaller communities brings you closer to the problems confronting all of us. I believe, for instance, that you are probably better conversant with what I like to call the day's work of the nation. There are so many things that must be done every day and 90 per cent of them are not attractive. To mine 500,000,000 tons of coal a year can not be done comfortably, and there are many other things which represent a large degree of discomfort. To the philosophers in large cities the impression of effort does not go beyond what can be observed in the subways and in the streets where the necessary toil is hidden in the finished product.

But I think you ladies of the mining engineering profession have been close to it and you can appreciate that after all you cannot just brush aside practical considerations and formulate theories which in practice would not work out.

I also believe that from the point of service you have done really a very remarkable thing. You now are educating four young men and in doing that it seems to me that you are introducing the element of romance into the situation—the act of picking out some young deserving man and putting him in the way of a large and broad career is something which stirs the imagination. And the more I hear of the four candidates whom you are now supporting, the more promising they seem. You cannot always expect to make a good guess; you will occasionally find one who will be disappointing; but that we look to in all human affairs. I think, so far, your average seems to have been high.

I feel on this occasion that I want to add one little personal note. It is rather a debt of gratitude which I owe the Woman's Auxiliary. There is one member of your Auxiliary who has been very much in my life and mind, and you supplied her with a great inspiration. That to me was a great service.

I am not going to detain you any longer. I do hope the Woman's Auxiliary will continue in its efforts, and I know that its help and interest is the greatest service to the Institute.

In our recent trip to the coast I had an illustration of the interest and the hospitality which is being extended at all times by the various branches of the Auxiliary and it certainly made our trip very much more interesting and charming.

I thank you very much.

Remarks

The audience arose and applauded as Mr. Reynders left the room, and Mrs. Westervelt said: "I am very glad Mr. Reynders brought that out, because I do think mining women have an unusual opportunity to carry the quality of vision and keeping the feet firm upon the ground, because

neither one without the other gets one very far—or, to use my favorite word, is very stable. I think it is very nice that matter was brought out for us."

Illinois Section

Chairman, Mrs. L. V. Rice *Representative,* Mrs. Sidney J. Jennings

The Chicago Section is moving nicely along toward the goal of a well-balanced combination of service and sociability. We meet on the fourth Friday of the month either at the home of some member or in a centrally located hotel or club, lunching together and holding rather informal meetings while seated around the table. We are so scattered here in Chicago that it is often like going from one town to another for our meetings, so we make them luncheon-meetings in order to leave early and get back home in time to greet out A. I. M. E.'s!

There are 30 members in our Section; three dropping out this past year through removal from Chicago, and three dropping in through the efforts of the Membership Chairman, who sent out letters to the wives of all members of the Chicago Section of the organization, inviting them to become members.

First, about our delightful luncheons at the homes of three of our members: Last June or Vice-chairman, Mrs. A. D. Terrell of Evanston, entertained us at a porch lunch. Since then Mrs. Terrell has left Chicago to join Mr. Terrell who had taken up new work in Pittsburgh some time before. We all miss Mrs. Terrell. Our loss is your gain, Pittsburgh Section!

Our first meeting this fall was at the charming home of Mrs. H. J. Freyn in Winnetka, "out in the country." Then, in December, Mrs. Charles C. Whittier gave us a most delightful lunch and afternoon at her home. At each of these lunches, the members paid the usual lunch fee, which the hostesses turned in toward the Scholarship Fund.

We have also had the very great pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Westervelt.

Mrs. Rice, our Chairman, left in January with Mr. Rice for a winter in the Sunny South. During her absence Mrs. Whittier is presiding at our meetings and "keeping things going."

Mrs. Whittier is also Library Chairman and reports a fine showing in the contributions of books for the mining camp libraries.

One hundred dollars has been contributed this year toward the Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Robert W. Hunt made a personal contribution of twenty-five dollars.

Then, too, while I am so modestly (?) telling of our achievements here in the Chicago Section, I must mention our very "grand" stationery. Mrs. Rice has had a die made from the pretty little blue and gold W. A. A. I. M. E. pins and an exact copy of the pin stamped on our correspond-

ence cards and paper. We are very proud of our stationery now and challenge any Section to produce anything "niftier."

We have had a pleasant year together regardless, if you will note, that we have had all our meetings this past year without friend husbands. We are promising ourselves that this coming year we will make up for this by having several evening get-togethers. Who says the Engineer isn't a sociable, gregarious creature!

Our officers for the past year have been as follows: Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Robert W. Hunt; Chairman, Mrs. Luther V. Rice; Vice-chairman, Mrs. A. D. Terrell; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles C. Whittier; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Nichols; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Luther E. Gilmore; Educational Fund Chairman, Mrs. G. M. Davidson; Library Chairman, Mrs. Charles C. Whittier; Membership Chairman, Mrs. E. S. Bastin.

BEULAH A. GILMORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Mrs. Jennings reported that she had received the following telegram from the Chicago Section, in response to an inquiry: "No Chicago member to attend annual meeting. Favor raising the dues."

MASSACHUSETTS SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Hutchinson *Representative,* Mrs. D. M. Liddell

Our year's work has gone on in much the same line as last year. We now have an active membership of 40, two more than last year.

We have given two bridge parties, one in the afternoon on Apr. 30, at which we cleared $75 and one in the evening on Nov. 12, to which the gentlemen were invited. This netted us $75 more.

In May we were the guests of the Boston Section of the A. I. M. E. at the University Club and of course had a thoroughly good time.

On June 30 we had our second picnic at our summer place at South Duxbury. Last year about 45 motored down and this year over 70 were there. It seemed as if the day were made for us and we had a fine day with tennis, croquet, swimming, etc.

On Friday, Feb. 13, we had an evening meeting to which the student engineers of Harvard, Tufts and Tech were invited, as well as our own husbands. About 75 of the engineers came and all appeared to think the evening worth while.

We have sent $75 to New York for the Educational Fund.

We have sent a few books to Mrs. Engel at Socorro, but most of our work along that line this year has been sending books to the summer mining camp of Technology at Dover, N. J. The camp is only two years old and the boys were sadly in need of reading matter.

In January, we were very glad to welcome Mrs. Hardinge. On that day the elements were against us and we had the worst blizzard of the year, but we did have a good meeting. We had looked forward to having Mrs. Westervelt with us also but she was obliged to change her plans because of illness. She has promised to come to us soon, so we have that pleasure to look forward to.

I can not close without a word of appreciation to the officers and members. No matter how or when I have called on them, they have responded cheerfully and efficiently.

ELIZABETH E. B. HUTCHINSON, *Chairman.*

MICHIGAN (UPPER PENINSULA)

Chairman, Mrs. William Kelly *Representative,* Mrs. F. F. Sharpless

Since giving our last report, the Upper Peninsula Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of the A. I. M. E. have held 10 regular meetings. The September meeting was postponed on account of sickness among our members.

We now have 26 members in the Upper Peninsula but have not received reports of or from other branches. By special request of the physicians of General Hospital we, at first, confined our efforts to the work we could do for the comfort of patients there. We purchased and gave 3 doz. towels and 5 sets of invalid individuals (dishes for use in private rooms) and also gave two linen dresser runners for private rooms which were donated.

We found our miners' families were not deriving any benefit from our efforts for the hospital, so we withdrew our aid and elected a nurse to visit miners' families and report all cases of sickness and needy to the Auxiliary, also to attend our meetings and aid us in our work of distributing garments.

In May, we sent $25 to the Educational Fund. On Nov. 22, a card party held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Brown netted the Auxiliary $41.95. In November we helped fill baskets for Camp Fire girls to distribute.

In December we answered an appeal for layettes and blankets for General Hospital and at Christmas time we made and dressed dolls for the little kiddies of poor families.

We have distributed, month by month, the following:

April—2 pairs shoes, 2 boy's suits, fruit and cereals to sick families, 2 infants outfits.

May—1 middy, 1 hat, 2 pair shoes, 1 wrapper, 1 shirt, 1 dozen diapers, 2 aprons, 2 skirts, 2 blankets, 1 bloomer, 1 sweater, 1 dress shirt, 1 suit of underwear.

August—3 winter coats (children's), 7 dresses, 15 pairs shoes, 2 blouses, 2 waists, 2 suits of winter underwear, 1 invalid chair, 2 hats, 4 shirts, 3 winter coats (adult), 1 misses' coat, 2 wrappers.

September—2 dresser covers for hospital, 1 winter coat (adult), 4 winter coats for little children, 4 dresses.

We have on hand 6 wrappers and 2 dozen diapers.

Finances

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 19, 1924		$ 68.05
June food sale	$17.25	
Returned dues	1.00	
Oct. food sale	21.00	
Nov. card party	41.95	
		$149.25

Disbursements

Educational Fund	$25.00	
Flowers	5.90	
Material for Layettes and Hospital	48.11	
		79.01
Balance on hand Jan. 24, 1925		$ 70.24

EMMA BROWN, *Secretary.*

MISSOURI SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Caselton *Representative,* Miss M. P. Stone

The new Chairman of the Missouri Section, Mrs. Caselton, reports that they have been sewing for the Needlework Guild and will complete 125 garments for the Labrador Section of the Needlework Guild. Some of the members live several hours' ride away from St. Louis, so she has sent garments to them to make.

There are only a few active members. They hold business meetings once a month and the dues of 52 members are paid. Mrs. Caselton hopes to send a better report another year. The Section is much interested in the reports of the other Sections, which are read at their monthly meetings.

MADELEINE P. STONE, *Representative.*

MONTANA (ANACONDA) SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. Frederick Laist *Representative,* Mrs. E. P. Mathewson

Our organization consists of 12 active and 10 associate members. This year, as in the past, our principal activity has been supplying milk to the needy and undernourished children of Anaconda. We have supplied a pint of milk daily to from 33 to 49 children per month. For this purpose we have received $100 from the State Tuberculosis Association. In order to replenish our Milk Fund we held a Tag Day in October, which netted us $729.50.

Donations from our Tea Fund this year consisted of $15 to the Anaconda Salvation Army, $15 to the State Orphan Home, $25 to the W. A. A. I. M. E. Scholarship Fund, and $25 to the Boy Scouts. Our members collected books and periodicals, which were taken to the State Tuberculosis Hospital. Also, Victrola records were taken to the Poor Farm.

The balance in our Milk Fund, as reported at the January meeting, is $565.20. Balance in the Tea Fund is $18.70.

We are now selling tickets for a dance on Feb. 21, the proceeds of which will be sent to the W. A. A. I. M. E. Educational Fund for 1925.

MRS. F. F. FRICK, *Vice-Chairman.*

MONTANA (BUTTE) SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. F. C. Jaccard *Representative,* Mrs. J. F. Kemp

The Butte Section of the W. A. A. I. M. E. has had a handicap this year in the loss of ten or more of its most active members who have moved to other districts. However, we feel that, considering this handicap, our year has been a success.

The Section has supplied milk, through the East Side Community House, to children numbering from 45 to 25. The decrease is due to the distribution of milk in the schools this fall, leaving us only the kindergarten to supply. As is usual when milk is supplied, there has been a gratifying improvement in weight and general condition among these children.

The Chest Committee was active in the spring, and made up such a quantity of children's garments that there does not seem to have been any need for sewing this fall. We have had very few calls for aid, as the community has seemed more prosperous.

The Library Committee found that our Butte Public Library was more in need of books than any of the outlying camps we could find. We have appealed to our husbands for technical books, which seem to be very much needed for the School of Mines boys. We have also spoken to the Montana Society of Engineers, who seem likely to be the ones to supply the need, as they are seriously considering loaning their whole library of several hundred volumes, provided it can be properly safeguarded. As this library contains many rare books, it would be a boon to all the engineers of the district to have it available for reference. We feel sure that some system will be worked out so that these books will be safely loaned to the community. We have also placed in the Children's Department a set of the Raymond books, which were greatly appreciated.

Working through the Butte Woman's Council, we interested several other clubs in Girl Scouts and succeeded in organizing a Girl Scout Council, which is flourishing and doing splendid work among Butte girls.

The Treasurer's report is appended.

MRS. F. C. JACCARD, *Chairman.*

The Butte Section will approve an increase in the annual dues provided the custom of dividing equally with the Section continues.

Treasurer's Report, Butte Section

Receipts

Balance in bank, Feb. 1, 1924	$ 28.45	
Dues	20.50	
Received from sale of Xmas cards	12.21	
Received from magazine subscriptions	2.70	
Received from St. Patrick's tag day	112.93	
Received from McKinley Parent Teacher's Association	10.00	
Received from Chapter G. P. E. O	5.00	
Received from Woman's Council	15.00	
Received from Mrs. W. L. Creden	1.00	
Received from Montana Section A. I. M. E	25.00	
		$232.79

Expenditures

East Side Neighborhood House	$150.00	
Donation N. Y. Scholarship Fund	10.00	
Mrs. A. S. Dwight, Treas. N. Y	10.00	
Printing	14.00	
B. E. Calkins Co	2.99	
Dues, Woman's Council	2.00	
Tree, City Park	1.50	
Stamps	.50	
		$190.99
Balance in bank Feb. 1, 1925		41.80

HELEN D. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 1.40 o'clock, the President, Mrs. Westervelt, presiding. Reading of Section reports was resumed.

NEW MEXICO SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. René Engel *Representative,* Mrs. L. D. Huntoon

The New Mexico Section of the W. A. A. I. M. E. was organized in Socorro on the 18th of last November. Eight ladies, who were eligible to membership, were present. At this meeting it was decided to elect officers for a period of three months and to hold annual elections in February, so that the year would coincide with that of the National organization. The following officers were elected for that period: Mrs. René Engel, Chairman; Mrs. F. H. Wells, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Anton Mayer, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Cora Moffett, Corresponding Secretary.

A plan for founding a Free Public Library in Socorro was laid before those present and letters were read from Mrs. Louis D. Huntoon, Chairman of the National Library Committee, and from Mrs. Edward W. Emerson of Concord, Mass., offering books for such a library. This proposition was received with enthusiasm and it was unanimously voted to establish a library and to adopt that as the principal work of the Section for the first year. Mrs. C. T. Brown was appointed head librarian, an Auxiliary member to be chosen by her each month to aid her.

Miss Moffett offered a most suitable one-story building at a much reduced rent ($90 for the first year and $120 per year thereafter). It consists of one large, long room and a kitchenette in the rear. Mrs. Brown turned this into a very attractive library and reading room. A desk, chairs, and tables have been provided by kind friends and bookshelves made at a reasonable price.

By the 16th of December enough books had arrived, due to the generous response to that marvellous card, which Mrs. Huntoon sent out to all Auxiliary Sections and to isolated members, so that we were able to open the library to the public.

You will be interested to know that the first book to reach Socorro was Mrs. William Campbell's gift, a copy of "The Dewey Decimal System," a most appropriate keystone to any library.

This first volume was followed by 1152 other books, Mrs. Huntoon sending 79, Mrs. Emerson 267, Mrs. George D. Barron 93, and the people of Socorro 400. The other books have reached us by parcel post; the New York, District of Columbia, and Western Pennsylvania Sections having sent large contributions. In all, 23 states in the Union, as well as Canada, Porto Rico, Mexico, and England, have been represented in these most precious gifts to our new library.

As a Section, we chose Mrs. Huntoon to represent us in the National Organization and we rejoice in having such a fairy godmother, who will speak to you for us and tell you how much every book is appreciated and thank you, the 148 donors, outside of our state, for your generosity. The children flock to the library and love the books which you have sent them, the older people enjoy the fine works of fiction, and the students at the School of Mines profit by the more serious books and the valuable technical books, which the A. I. M. E. members are sending us.

There is a large Spanish-American population in Socorro, and through the library an important increase in the use of the English language is looked for among them.

It was a rare privilege accorded to us as Auxiliary members to be the first to found a library in one of the oldest towns in the United States, which until now has never known the blessings of a free public library.

In January, Mrs. E. H. Wells organized a dance at the School of Mines as a library benefit. It has been pronounced one of the most

successful and attractive dances ever given there and it netted us $160.35, a sum much appreciated to pay for our bookshelves, rent and incidental expenses.

The Chairman has written to the 54 A. I. M. E. members in New Mexico asking for the names of persons in their families who are eligible to membership in the Woman's auxiliary. The responses are promising. We have 16 members in Socorro, this being the entire number of eligible members in this vicinity.

It is hoped that all the isolated members that we hope to draw into the New Mexico Section will work with us, so that next year New Mexico will be represented in her report by a work which shall be state-wide in its importance and usefulness.

Would it be out of place for the Chairman of the "baby section," as we have been called on account of our youth, to make the suggestion that the Woman's Auxiliary sections throughout the world become sort of clearing-houses for the Woman's Auxiliary members as they move about from place to place, so that, wherever they arrive, they can report to the chairman of the nearest Section and find a field of usefulness and also make acquaintances among Woman's Auxiliary members without loss of time? Judging from the books that are sent from the isolated members, it is probable that the majority of them are only waiting for an opportunity to take an active part in the Woman's Auxiliary work.

In closing this report, the Chairman of the New Mexico Section wishes to express her appreciation for the kind interest and encouragement given us by our President, Mrs. Westervelt and the other members of the Board.

MARY N. ENGEL, *Chairman.*

Financial Report of New Mexico Section

Receipts

Annual dues and initiation fees	$ 20.00	
Library fees on books overdrawn	1.45	
Tea fund	.30	
Dance	160.35	
		$182.10

Disbursements

Library expenses—cards and slips	$ 11.80	
Library expenses—mending-tape	2.00	
Library expenses—rent	5.00	
Library expenses—drayage	3.25	
Library expenses—book-shelves	41.15	
		63.20
Balance in Treasury		$118.90

New York Section

Chairman, Mrs. John A. Church

The New York Section has had an active and, on the whole, a prosperous year. From the Recording Secretary's report we have the mention of eight regular Executive Board meetings and one special meeting, and I quote from it these words: "The bare mention of the number of meetings does not convey any idea of the pleasant and profitable discussions we have had regarding the work nor how well we have learned to appreciate one another's points of view."

Mrs. Jordan also reports eight luncheons, each followed by a general meeting, with an attendance from 35 to 55. These luncheons have been most enjoyable, especially as at most of them we have heard addresses, either from members of the Auxiliary or from visiting speakers, all of whom have graciously given their services. We shall always remember with pleasure and gratitude the account of Mrs. Botsford's escape from Russia with her two small children, Mrs. Li's essay upon the women of China, Mrs. Morris' discussion of Chinese achievements, and the two delightful addresses of Doctors Walker and Berkey.

The Corresponding Secretary has a record of over 3000 postal cards sent from her office and about 100 letters written, all of which Miss Walker has attended to with regularity and promptness.

The New York Section has five committees, or centers of activity. Of the heads of these committees and their assistants I cannot speak too highly. The work that has been accomplished, like all faithful work, has been performed at the cost of time and strength which has been cheerfully contributed. The results speak for themselves. One of the most troublesome positions to fill is that of Chairman of the H. & H. Committee. We have a suite of rooms at the Iroquios Hotel which it is the duty of the House Committee to oversee and to have in readiness for any invasion, large or small, of the members of the Auxiliary. Our rooms are used for the work of committees, for the convenience of out-of-town dwellers, for card parties, etc. The Chairman of the H. & H. Committee, Mrs. Charles V. Jenkins, has been untiring in her efforts to keep our headquarters comfortable and attractive. No one but herself knows the thought and attention to detail that this has necessitated, and it has all been thoroughly done, as many of us who have used and enjoyed the rooms can testify. It would be hard to overestimate their value as a unifying influence and as a center of the life of the Section. The other function of the committee, hospitality, has not been neglected. Mrs. Jenkins and her assistants have conferred a benefit upon the Section by the kind welcome extended to newcomers and the promotion of good fellowship between associates.

The Chest Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. U. S. James, has held meetings in our rooms every alternate Tuesday during five out of our eight months of activity, and on every Tuesday during March, April and May. It is unnecessary to give a detailed account of all the work done by this committee. The most satisfactory accomplishment was the making and assembling of 25 layettes given to the New York Diet Kitchen Association through Mrs. Dwight, its president. These layettes required 25 articles in each, making 400 garments in all, 150 of which were cut and made by the committee. This winter the committee is busy making bed gowns and pajamas to be sent to the Tucson Hospital for Tubercular Patients.

The Educational Committee, under the able management of Mrs. J. G. Parmelee, through card parties and donations, has accumulated and delivered to the Chairman of the National Educational Committee $700, which amount is owing to the unceasing labor and interest of the Chairman, of whom the whole Section is justly proud.

The Library Committee, which really means its Chairman, has also done fine work. The inspiration of the National Chairman was passed on to us by our keen and executive Section Chairman, Mrs. H. N. Spicer, and resulted in the donation of 730 volumes, of which 300 have been sent to the library at Wilburton, 398 to Socorro, and 185 to the American Merchant Marine. The receipts of the year, through a card party and the sale of a few books, were $64.50, the expenditures $13.50 for post-cards, leaving a balance of $51.00 in the library fund.

Our last, but not least, is the Braille Committee. Although we have been happy in having a number of women who have given their assistance to this most benevolent work, the interest and inspiration have so centered in the Chairman, Mrs. W. L. Jordan, that I am going to ask her to give her own report at the close of my own.

So far I have spoken only of work attempted and performed by the Section, but we have had our recreations as well—card parties, teas and dances—sometimes for the shekels that they were to bring in for this or that fund, sometimes for the fun of playing together; for all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and if there is one thing that the New York Section does not intend to be, it is a dull boy.

All that I have mentioned in this report could be seen, heard and admired, but what can I say for the unseen influences that make for good will in such an association as ours? Influences that knit into one body women from many lands and with varying histories, and create among them an atmosphere that can only lead to higher ideals and wider influence as the years go on.

Mrs. John A. Church, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's Report, New York Section

Receipts

Balance, Feb. 1, 1924		$1,405.57
Braille	$ 25.00	
Headquarters	1,128.00	
Luncheons	588.00	
Dues	268.50	
Entertainments	238.75	
Chest	23.92	
Educational	32.00	
		$3,709.74

Disbursements

By-laws	$ 46.25	
Chest	94.25	
Dues to Mrs. Dwight	109.00	
Luncheons	494.50	
Rent	1,830.09	
Library	10.05	
Printing	176.84	
Educational Fund	49.50	
Entertainments	241.90	
Balance, Feb. 1, 1925	657.36	
		$3,709.74

Total Receipts	$3,709.74
Total Disbursements	3,052.38
Balance	$ 657.36

JOSEPHINE M. BARRON, *Treasurer.*

Report on Braille, New York Section

A summary of activity concerning Braille during the past eleven months seems to arrange itself into Committee Work and Transcribing by Members.

Committee Work.—The Spring campaign, through the newspapers and over the radio, for volunteers to learn Braille and the instruction of a class at the New York Public Library, at the request of the Librarian for the Blind, in order to procure hand-copied books for the blind.

Correspondence with 18 Libraries for the Blind through the country in an attempt to have groups of volunteers instructed to make books for the local blinded, cooperating with the American Foundation for the Blind.

Field work during the Summer in Oregon, campaign and instruction, at the invitation of the American Red Cross, Portland and Bend Chapters, and the establishment of a committee of blind proofreaders, that the books transcribed by volunteers might remain in the West.

Some Results of Our Activity.—Enthusiastic replies were received from all but a few of the Libraries for the Blind. In several of those instances, it is now known that the libraries were already being served with books for the blind by local transcribers; notably, Chicago, through the Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross and Cleveland, through the Cleveland Braille Society. Libraries that have organized classes and are continuing instruction are St. Louis; Seattle; New York City; Olympia, Washington, through the Red Cross and Camp Fire Girls; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Portland, Oregon, cooperating with the Portland Red Cross. In Portland the librarian has been made a member of the executive board of the Red Cross. The difficulty experienced by the libraries in several cities was lack of volunteer instructors, which the Woman's Auxiliary was unable to meet. The National Library for the Blind, Washington, D. C., appealed to us for volunteers to learn Braille at that library, citing the National Library for the Blind in London which had 800 volunteers copying into Braille, some transcribers doing four and five volumes a year.

Six ladies instructed by members of the Committee at the New York Public Library last Spring have completed Herbert Quick's novel, "Vandemark's Folly," 818 pages—about 10 vols. of Braille. Mrs. Wallace Borough transcribed more than half of the book and is responsible for much work on the other pages, numbering, etc. Mrs. Wolfes and Miss Davis spent a great many hours during the summer, in correspondence with learners, marking pages, etc. They proofread "Vandemark's Folly," a time-taking and painstaking piece of work, as many pages had to be rewritten and consequently reread, the transcribers being new at the work. At least 1200 pages were proofread. It is gratifying that one of our pupils, Mrs. Borough, has transcribed more pages in a given time than any other one person, having finished 800 pages. Mrs. Borough uses a Braille Writer.

The Librarian for the Blind also reports as a result of the publicity in the spring, five other stories, by two transcribers, 805 pages. This makes a total of 32 Braille volumes to the Library since last February. Other work is in progress.

From the field work in the West during the summer, there are at least twelve good transcribers in Portland, where two books are about two-thirds finished, another book half finished and a short story completed. Two books have been completed. "The Three Godfathers" by Peter B. Kyne, and "Wild Oranges" by Hergesheimer. In Bend, Oregon, several ladies are industriously at work, and one has completed "The First Christmas Tree" by Van Dyke.

I believe that a high standard is being achieved, due to close contact with the local proofreaders and regular meetings of the transcribers for

discussion. A lady in Portland has sent a box of Alphabets for the blind babies.

In General.—Attention is called to the Annual Report on Braille dated July 1, 1924, issued by the National Red Cross, which embodies practically every point for which this Section contended more than a year ago. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary who are active members of the Red Cross may materially help with the work for the blind and assist the Red Cross to increase its usefulness by influencing Red Cross chapters to appeal for workers for local blinded as authorized in the report Those who are unable to contribute time for transcribing may be of more service than they perhaps realize by talking about the need for books for the blind and the resort to volunteer work because of lack of funds.

An investigation is in progress for obtaining equipment to permit of duplicating the hand-made manuscripts.

When you realize that there are not 500 books for the blind to read under the present system of Braille, you will appreciate the work on these books. When you have nothing to do, you can do Braille; when you have no more money because you have sent it to the Educational Fund, you may do Braille.

MARIE JORDAN, *Chairman.*

OHIO (CLEVELAND) SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. C. B. Murray *Representative,* Mrs. R. L. Lloyd

Six regular meetings of the Auxiliary have been held since the beginning of the new business year and two delightful evening parties to which the men have been invited. The regular meetings, which were held at the homes of the different members, have not all been as well attended as we should like but under the enthusiastic leadership of our President, Mrs. Murray, the loyal dozen have kept the organization active.

We have alternated business and sewing meetings with social ones with satisfactory results, since we have completed several layettes as well as raised money for the Scholarship fund by charging each member 50 cents for her luncheon and bridge. The layettes were sent to some extremely needy families at Pine Mountain, N. C., and from the letters of thanks, were much appreciated.

At Christmas time several of the members assisted in wrapping packages for the Humane Society.

About twenty-five books were sent to Mrs. René Engel for the miners' library which she has collected at Socorro.

On January 31, Mr. and Mrs. Betram Quarrie kindly offered their home for a bridge, from which the treasury benefited to the extent of $20. It was a delightful social affair as well as an aid to our Scholarship fund. We hope to have more of these evening parties.

At the regular annual meeting in January, the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mrs. H. M. Boylston.
Vice-chairman, Mrs. Arthur McKee.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Dunham.
Secretary, Mrs. K. H. Donaldson.

A social committee was appointed with Mrs. Quarrie as chairman and Mrs. Jeffries and Mrs. Smith as members.

One of the most delightful meetings of the year was held in the early fall when our representative, Mrs. R. L. Lloyd of New York, and the President, Mrs. Westervelt, visited us in Cleveland. A luncheon was held in their honor at the Hotel Statler and each of the ladies gave us interesting and enthusiastic accounts of the work which is being done not only by the New York organization but also by the sections which they had visited in other places. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKee entertained our guests at dinner and we feel that closer ties of fellowship hold us to the central organization since meeting these two delightful women.

During the winter we lost one of our most active members, Mrs. Thomas Nunan, who has moved to Pittsburgh and will undoubtedly be as much appreciated by the Auxiliary of that city as she was in Cleveland.

The question of raising the dues of the W. A. A. I. M. E. came up at the last regular meeting and after considerable discussion of the question, the motion was made to keep the dues at the present amount of one dollar. The motion carried.

The members to whom special thanks are due for the generous use of their homes or clubs for the holding of either business or social meetings are Mrs. Boylston, Mrs. Schwarz, Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. Quarrie, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Donaldson. At the luncheons, which we have recently inaugurated, Mrs. Nunan assisted Mrs. Schwarz and Mrs. Dunham assisted Mrs. Emmons.

At the February meeting it was unanimously voted to send $75 to the National Organization for its Scholarship fund with our sincerest wishes for a successful year for our mother organization.

Lillian H. Donaldson, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report, Cleveland Section

Receipts

Jan. 11, 1924. Cash on hand	$ 17.21
Feb. Proceeds from card party	3.50
Mar. Proceeds from card party	7.30
Silver offering	1.09
Dues	15.00
Apr. Proceeds from party	10.00
Membership	3.00
June. Dues	4.00
Nov. Dues	1.00
Luncheon and cards	5.00
Dec. Dues 1924–1925	2.00
Membership and dues	2.00
Jan. Proceeds from evening card party	27.00
Feb. Luncheon and cards	7.50
1925 dues	7.00
From savings acct	2.58
	$115.18

Expenditures

May. Materials for charity sewing	4.53
Prize and tallies	2.30
Deposited in savings acct	10.15
June. Paid for infants clothes	7.20
Sept. Check to N. Y. Aux. for dues	10.00
Nov. Prizes for card party held with A. I. M. E.	4.00
Dec. Dues	1.00
Jan. Paid secretary for postage	1.00
Feb. Sent check to New York Auxiliary for Educational Fund	75.00
	$115.18
Balance on hand, Feb. 16	$29.71

FANNIE M. DUNHAM, *Treasurer.*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. Frederick Crabtree

Mrs. Goodale, Corresponding Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Section, read the following report:

A few members of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers invited their wives to a dinner at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association on Wednesday, April 30, 1924, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a Woman's Auxiliary to the A. I. M. E. in Pittsburgh. As we had heard that there were Woman's Auxiliaries in

every state except Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, it seemed time for us to realize our responsibilities to the state, as well as to our nation.

Reports from two of the National Annual Meetings were read; also their By-laws. The question was thoroughly discussed,and it was unanimously voted to form a Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Frederick Crabtree was appointed temporary chairman, and Mrs. Stephen Lincoln Goodale temporary Secretary-Treasurer. A committee was appointed to formulate By-laws suitable to our local conditions.

At a meeting held on Thursday, May 15, 1924, at the residence of Mrs. Crabtree in the Kenmawr Hotel, the organization was completed and By-laws adopted. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Frederick Crabtree, Chairman
Mrs. H. H. McClintic, Jr., Vice-chairman
Mrs. Graham Bright, Vice-chairman
Mrs. Newell Alford, Vice-chairman
Mrs. Stephen Lincoln Goodale, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Cranston Howe Carpenter, Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Edwin S. Fickes, Treasurer
Mrs. Howard M. Eavenson, Chairman of Educational Fund Committee
Mrs. Maurice D. Cooper, Chairman of Hospitality Committee
Mrs. William Rice Jarvis, Chairman of Membership Committee
Mrs. James O. Handy, Chairman of Braille Committee
Mrs. William A. Weldin, Chairman of Entertainment Committee.
Mrs. Graham Bright, Chairman of Library Committee.

As our work is spread over a wide area—all western Pennsylvania—we found it advisable to have what may seem a large number of offices.

It was voted to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the homes of the members, from October to May inclusive. Thirty-four names were signed to the membership list, names of those who wished to be charter members of our local section.

In June the Pittsburgh Section of the A. I. M. E. was honored by a visit from Mr. W. L. Kelly, the President, and Mr. F. F. Sharpless, the Secretary accompanied by Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Sharpless. Mrs. Eavenson gave a tea at her residence in honor of our guests. It was a Red Letter Day for our Auxiliary, as we were all invited also to a dinner given in the evening by the Pittsburgh Section of the A. I. M. E. at the William Penn Hotel in honor of our distinguished visitors. There was a large attendance, a good dinner, and very interesting speeches given by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Sharpless. Mr. Kelly interspersed his talk with a number of amusing anecdotes, and Mr. Sharpless told us of the wonderful scope of the work of the A. I. M. E. and its growth, and made us more proud than ever of the work of our husbands. Everybody voted it a delightful evening and it did much to introduce the families of engineers to each other, and increase the interest in the organization.

Mrs. Westervelt, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, was a guest of Mrs. Crabtree for the October meeting. Mrs. Westervelt gave an inspiring talk on the origin and object of the Woman's Auxiliary, and dwelt upon the efficient work that had been done by the different Sections, particularly the Barille work in Washington, D. C., and in New York. We felt we had much to live up to! After the business, a group of songs were sung by Mrs. Florence Davis Rockwell, a member of the Music Faculty of the Pennsylvania College for Women. Tea was served, and everybody had the pleasure of meeting personally our charming National President, Mrs. Westervelt. In the evening a theatre party was arranged, so Mrs. Westervelt could see out artistic little theatre at the Fine Arts school in Carnegie Institute of Technology. Unfortunately, she had to leave before seeing the play on account of her train to St. Louis.

We had a meeting in November at which a musical program was given. In December, we gave an evening benefit bridge party at the residence of Mrs. Eavenson, instead of holding our regular meeting. It was a very enjoyable party, for men and women, the engineers' families getting better acquainted; our husbands evidently enjoyed it and said they didn't mind how soon we had another. We cleared $78.25, which was sent to the Educational Fund Committee in New York.

At our January meeting, at the home of Mrs. Jas. C. Rea, we had most interesting reports. The Library Committee had sent 55 books, one magazine subscription and one magazine to Mrs. René Engel, Socorro, N. M. Mrs. Handy, Chairman of the Braille Committee, told of the scope and importance of this work for the blind, and what it meant in their lonely lives, and urged everyone present to help. This committee meets every Monday morning at 11:00 in a room in the Carnegie Library, and the interest is increasing.

We voted to change the month of our annual meeting to February for next year.

After the business session we had a treat in Madame Suzane Karpova of Moscow and Petrograd, who gave a talk on her life during the revolutions in Russia and her ultimate escape to American under thrilling conditions. Madame Karpova was formerly a member of the Russian Ballet. She toured most of Europe and South America with the famous Diaghileff's Ballet Russe, dancing in Grand Opera in Paris, London and Buenos Aires. In addition to the story of her war experiences, she gave an exhibition of the dancing of four of her pupils in costume.

Each meeting seems to be more interesting than the last. We have had only six meetings, and as we are still very young we hope the members of the Auxiliary will pardon details. We have 66 members. Greetings to the National Organization and all the various Sections.

ODESSA MOORE CRABTREE, *Chairman.*

Utah (Salt Lake) Section

Chairman, Mrs. Duncan MacVichie *Representative,* Mrs. J. M. Callow

We have held meetings each month from the second Tuesday in October to June, inclusive. There has been an average attendance of 22½ per cent. The largest largest attendance was at the March meeting (27), and the smallest at the February meeting (17). The meetings have been characterized by enthusiasm and harmony. Mrs. Dern has presided at all meetings except the one at which Mrs. Hamilton, Vice-chairman, presided.

At the November meeting, the Chairman appointed Mrs. Gemmill for three years, Mrs. MacVichie for two years, and Mrs. McCaskell for one year, to serve with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary as a Board of Directors.

The organization having grown to such proportions, the Chairman recommended the adoption of some simple By-laws with which to direct our meetings. This was put in the form of a motion by Mrs. Muir, and carried, and a committee was appointed to draw up simple By-laws, with Mrs. J. W. Thompson as chairman, Mr. Van Winckel, Secretary of the Local Section of the A. I. M. E. kindly assisted the committee. After reading, and two minor changes, they were adopted as read and ordered printed in book form by Harper Bros., for $22.60. In Section 1, Article 5, the words "Tne Officers shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer," were changed to read, "The Officers shall be a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer." Article 4, Section 1, read that "Members shall pay an initiation fee of $1.00, and Annual Dues of $1.00." This was changed to read "The Initiation Fee shall be $1.00, and Annual Dues $2,00." to agree with the increase asked by the National Board.

The annual election was changed from May until November to enable the Secretary of the National Organization to print the names and addresses of new officers and members in the Year Book and the same to be given at the annual meeting in February.

The Membership Committee reported sending out 25 invitations to join. We have 58 active members, having lost three who have left the city. These are Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Sears, and Mrs. Moses. Mrs. J. McDonald Mitchell has transferred to Flushing, Long Island. We have six out of town memberships, exclusive of the Garfield women. Our work has been carried on in an unobtrusive and quiet manner. We are proud to feel that we have done some good. Our vacation work is especially gratifying; we have sent 10 girls to Brighton the past two summers. At each meeting an offering it taken which is set aside as our Vacation Fund. All expenses are borne by us, thus enabling worthy girls and women an opportunity to enjoy life in the open for a week or

more. A gift of 12 kindergarden chairs was made to the Neighborhood House at the suggestion of Mrs. Gemmill at Xmas. The biggest thing done by us this year was the raising of $514, from the members, for the relief of the Castle Gate sufferers, 175 of whom lost their lives.

A report without some mention of the Scholarship Fund and our interest in it would be incomplete. Last year we sent $69 to the National Treasurer, which was raised by a card and Mah-Jongg party at the home of Mrs. Dern. We submitted the name of Thomas McCormick of Westminster College, who had a very creditable standing, but whose candidacy was not accepted. We shall submit the name of another whom we hope will be successful and bring fame and glory to Salt Lake's W. A. A. I. M. E.

The splendid work done by Mrs. James, Custodian of the Chest, needs special mention. The Chest was emptied of its contents at the suggestion of Mrs. Dern, the Chairman, in order to assist a worthy young mother to provide clothing for her new baby. Since then Mrs. James has added 11 outing-flannel nightgowns, 2 children's dresses, an apron, and a quilt. A committee will assist Mrs. James this year in her work, and we hope to have a full Chest when the call comes.

We joined with the A. I. M. E. at a dinner dance at the New House Hotel given to entertain the A. I. M. E. President, Mr. Kelly, and Secretary, Mr. Sharpless, who made a short visit here.

Letters have been read from Mrs. Callow, our New York Representative, at each meeting; also the report of the work being done by the other Auxiliaries. We have found these most inspiring and helpful and they surely have the effect of spurring us to greater efforts.

The following officers will serve for 1925:

Mrs. Duncan MacVichie, Chairman
Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Vice-chairman
Mrs. H. K. Klingender, Secretary
Mrs. Gilbert Bragg, Treasurer.

Our regular December meeting was changed to a social tea and reception in honor of Mrs. Reynders, a member of the National Board, who was in our city for a few days. Her visit was very much enjoyed.

At our January meeting, an interesting discussion took place about stressing library work this year by our chapter. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to write a letter to some members in the surrounding camps to find out what was needed, as we were taking up the question of supplying books to these camps.

We also decided to give a bridge party early in February, and an evening party a little later on, hoping to raise $100, which we have decided upon as our contribution to the Educational Fund.

This year, just closing, has been one of unusual interest, having fostered and cemented a closer association and interest between the

members. The hostesses have been most gracious in throwing open their homes for our meetings. This successful year bespeaks bigger and better things for our auxiliary and all its activities for the coming year.

We have added six new members lately, making a total membership of sixty.

EFFIE RIDDLE KLINGENDER, *Secretary.*

PUGET SOUND SECTION

Chairman, Mrs. C. W. Tubby *Representative,* Mrs. C. V. Jenkins

No written report having been received from the Puget Sound Section, Mrs. Westervelt asked Mrs. Jenkins to give any information she might have regarding the activities of the Section. Mrs. Jenkins responded as follows:

"I believe they have eighteen or twenty members, and promise to be a very interesting Section. It has been difficult to organize, as in the larger places they are so scattered and there are so few mining men. I think the men's Section of the Institute is very small in Seattle. Of course, in the State of Washington there is a large Section, but in our Western country we cover so much territory compared with the East that when you go from Washington to Oregon you have made a long journey. Seattle is spread over a large territory. I do not know of any town that covers so great an area, except Los Angeles."

WORD FROM CANADA

Mrs. Barron read a telegram from our sister organization in Canada: "Best wishes for meeting. Wish I could be with you. Edith Tyrrell." The Canadian report, which was delayed and so not read at the meeting, is here inserted.

The Association of Women of the Mining Industry of Canada send greetings to the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers on the occasion of the annual meeting. We regret that Mrs. J. B. Tyrrell, who has hitherto represented the Canadian women, is unable to be present and we know that she regets this very much also.

We have had a most interesting year, having had the privilege of entertaining the ladies of the British Association for the Advancement of Science during the Association meeting here in August, when we had the pleasure of meeting many famous and delightful people from all over the world.

It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. R. M. Raymond with us at that time, when she represented the American Auxiliary.

We have instituted a monthly luncheon, which is proving most popular, and we feel that this is adding to the success of our organization.

We are taking up the work of the out post hospitals in Northern Ontario very seriously as we feel there is a great deal we can do to help in this work, which is so important for the people of the mining industry who are working there and are out of the reach of the bigger hospitals. We have already sent books, etc. to these hospitals and it is our intention to go on sending those and whatever other comforts the Red Cross may need or ask for.

We wish you every success in your work and hope that the meeting may be as interesting and in every way delightful as usual.

KATHERINE BIRKETT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Treasurer read an excerpt from a letter from Mr. C. F. Rand and Mr. A. S. Dwight, joint chairmen of the Rossiter Raymond Memorial Fund, as follows: "There will be a small surplus left after making all payments, which we think best to turn over to the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers for the educational and other purposes of the Woman's Auxiliary." Mrs. Dwight stated the amount to be $354.50. (Applause.) A motion made by Mrs. Lloyd that appropriate thanks be sent to the donors of this wonderful gift was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Eilers reported that she had a check for $145, for the Educational Fund, from the money that was left over from the sum subscribed for the portrait of Dr. A. R. Ledoux, which Mr. Eilers had asked her to give to the Educational Committee. This report was also greeted with applause, and a motion made by Mrs. Jenkins that thanks be sent for the gift was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Huntoon told of the death of Mrs. Crabtree's husband in Florida, where he went hoping to convalesce from a very serious operation, and made a motion that a message of condolence be sent to Mrs. Crabtree. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Murray and it was carried by a rising vote that a telegram be sent Mrs. Crabtree.

Mrs. Westervelt asked Mrs. Emmel and Mrs. Horsburgh, visitors from South America and Australia, to speak to the meeting, and both responded briefly.

Mrs. Emmel said that when she came up from Ecuador she thought she was making an unusual journey, as it lasted three weeks and was made partly on muleback and partly in a little "dinky" river boat with jungles on either side, but, after being seated at dinner between a lady from Russia and a lady from Australia, she thought it was not so wonderful after all.

Mrs. Horsburgh said that in the mining camp in Australia from which she came there are only ten or twelve ladies to form a social group,

although the population of the camp is 10,000. The camp is about 25 miles from the city of Rockhampton, which is right on the tropical line. The heat is intense, summer lasting nine months of the year, and three months only being moderately cool winter.

Discussion of Various Auxiliary Affairs

Mrs. Westervelt.—Mrs. Bourlier, don't you want to tell us how Eastern Pennsylvania is organizing?

Mrs. W. S. Bourlier.—After meeting you all last year and meeting your President later, I am not at all surprised to be called upon to report on a Section that has not been born. We did send out 125 letters inviting the ladies to come to a meeting a couple of weeks ago. I called up forty or fifty. Mrs. Stoughton did likewise. Only seven came, but it was a meeting. We could not organize really, because no one could take the chairmanship—we were all too busy. We have in Bethlehem three dozen people who do everything—the day nursery, orphans' home, hospital, milk station, library; I could go on almost indefinitely naming things you all have in your own towns. A small number have to do all those things. We felt each one had too much to do to take on the chairmanship. Mrs. Stoughton is for the time being acting in that capacity, and we have a secretary. We formed a membership committee and will meet on the 24th of April. Each one is going to try to bring in three or four more people whom we can have for members. We are rather in the unusual position of not having been born, yet refusing to die.

Mrs. Westervelt.—I think you can all see that we are going to have an Eastern Pennsylvania Section. I think we have a letter from Mrs. Bradley Stoughton.

Miss Stone then read part of a letter from Mrs. Stoughton, as follows:

"I wish I might be with you and see all the old friends again, especially as I would like to tell about the American Hospital at Reims, which I saw last summer. I am sure the Woman's Auxiliary would be glad to know that their endowed bed is in such a finely equipped place."

Mrs. Westervelt.—It is interesting to have this word about our hospital. It is the first personal word that has come to us. Nobody has ever gone and looked at the bed before.

Miss Stone.—I was there two years ago. I understood it was just starting then. It is still in the old building.

Mrs. Westervelt.—It is a lovely thing for the Woman's Auxiliary to have this as a memorial to our soldiers. If Mrs. Barron doesn't mind, I would like to say I don't think we have ever realized how much she did for that work, of which she was chairman; otherwise it would have been impossible for the Woman's Auxiliary to put in that memorial. (Applause.)

We have one or two matters which were laid on the table last year, to be taken up this year.

First is Mrs. Mulliken's resolution that Congress be petitioned for an appropriation for the purpose of making books for the blind. What will you do with this matter?

MRS. MULLIKEN.—After it has had a nice long rest on the table for a year, I will be very glad to take the motion off the table and withdraw it entirely.

MRS. WESTERVELT.—That is not debatable, as I understand it, and we accept Mrs. Mulliken's judgment in the matter.

Last year the first piece of business brought up after the President took the chair was not a motion, but a subject, presented by Mrs. Hardinge for raising the dues. Mrs. Hardinge will take that up.

MRS. HARDINGE.—Mrs. Westervelt asked me to bring a budget with our approximate expenditures. Our usual annual receipts are about $800. The following expenditures are not what we are spending now, but what we feel is necessary to spend:

Stationery and printing	$125
Publicity and mimeographing	75
Stamps for the treasury	55
Annual Report	175
Additional Expenditures for the Year Book and Committees	500

We felt the committees needed just a little bit of financing, because it is very difficult to have nothing to start with. We have three committees—Chest, Hospital and Library. The Educational Committee, of course, has its own treasury but $50 apiece is needed for the other committees.

MRS. WESTERVELT.—Will you explain "Press?"

MRS. HARDINGE.—The press bill for mimeographing, etc., is put into the regular treasurer's report. We want a stenographer for the President. You have no idea of the amount of work she has to do and has to pay for; $100 is a small amount. The stenographer for the treasurer should be $75. This brings the budget to $1300. Of course, with $800 that is impossible. The chairmen of the committees, when they take the chair, practically assume the expense. That is not quite fair in an organization of our size. I think we should be able to finance ourselves as we go along.

I would therefore like to move that we change our dues from $1 to $2 a year and the necessary steps be taken to change the By-laws so that this can take effect beginning with the fiscal year 1926.

The motion was seconded.

Mrs. Ihlseng.—I do not know of any club that has not doubled its dues since the War and I have been amazed that the Woman's Auxiliary has carried on at $1 a year.

Mrs. Westervelt.—At the meeting last year the matter was referred to the various Sections for their consideration. I wrote a letter at the beginning of the fiscal year to all Sections. Mrs. Dwight poked a little fun at me and called it my pastoral letter. I said in that letter that the Sections were asked to consider this matter, not to vote upon it, but take an expression of opinion.

Our fiscal year begins the first of March. We cannot change the dues now. There will be no more money this coming year. The change for the By-laws must be sent out a month before the vote can be taken, and it would then be done before the fiscal year. This matter of recommending an increase of dues must be finally voted upon today in order to have the By-laws amended by the next fiscal year. The meeting is now thrown upen for discussion.

Mrs. Dwight.—I have had a hand in the budget and I have not known how to make $800 in receipts cover $1300 in expenditures. I don't see any way to do that. We have done that sort of thing right along by counting on the goodness of our chairmen and officers to more or less finance the bills. We are hoping this organization is going to pass on into hands that are more efficient than ours, and certainly they will not thank us if they receive from the older members an organization that can not finance itself.

The dues of our Auxiliary have been kept at this nominal sum of $1 because we leave our Sections free to raise all the money they wish for their work. Our only expenses are executive, as you heard in the budget. It is thus possible for any one to belong to the Auxiliary. For this small sum, each member has received the Annual Report general notices, ballots, etc., and our Year or Address Book. She need not meet any added expense unless she wishes to enter into Sectional work. For this reason, we wish to keep our Auxiliary dues small, but $2 is not much more than $1, and it is an enormously greater amount in the payment of these little bills the Auxiliary has to meet of stationery, stenographic work and printing. We want to get more information to our Sections and members at large. We do not reach the members at large as we would wish to do. That has to be done to meet our publicity. So altogether we are just right up against the fact that we must have more money. This year we are perfectly solvent, because we saved over $250 to help pay for our Year Book. It does not come every year now, but it will not be long before we will need a Year Book every year. Outside people expect it and have written many letters asking for it.

I have to admit that I am heartily in favor of raising the dues to $2 for the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Eilers.—Madam President, how is the money going to be divided?

Mrs. Westervelt.—Just the same as before, half and half. You see the Section will benefit by the change just as much as we will. We give one-half of the yearly dues to the Section. That means that each Section will have $1 where it had 50 cents before. We also will have $1 where we had fifty cents.

Mrs. Callow.—Salt Lake has already raised its dues.

Mrs. Westervelt.—This raise does not affect the dues this year. Salt Lake is always very progressive, always ready to take up a new idea but she is just a little too soon.

Mrs. Callow.—They have changed the By-laws too.

Mrs. Westervelt.—This fifty cents will be refunded to Salt Lake, because the change cannot go into operation until we collect the dues a year from March, but we must decide now whether this amendment to the By-laws is to be presented to the organization, because our annual meeting is just before the close of the fiscal year. It must be decided in an annual meeting and we have not then time to make an amendment to our By-laws before the fiscal year and the collection of the dues. So we cannot make any change this March. This March the bills will go out for the annual dues for $1. Are you willing for the bills to go out a year from this coming March increasing the dues to $2?

Mrs. Jennings.—Chicago, which I am representing, is in favor of raising the dues.

Mrs. Bourlier.—We have always found it more democratic for an organization to pay its expenses than to leave it to individual women. Every organization I have ever been connected with, both in the Middle West and here, has found it more successful to have the expenses covered by the organization.

Mrs. Callow.—Mrs. President, won't you accept Salt Lake's action, please? I have gotten them to promise to pay $2 and they will be disappointed if you tell them you don't want it. (Laughter).

General discussion followed, and on a rising vote a recommendation was unanimously carried to present to the organization the amendment for the increase of the annual dues from $1 to $2.

Mrs. Westervelt.—There will be an Amendment Committee appointed and in due course you will get your notification and ballot for vote. I think we have done a very wise and important thing. I do not think we will regret it.

We have one other matter which we must talk over. There has been a question for two years now in succession on a matter that was known as an "associate membership." I think this is a term that is unfortunate. I think the whole subject has grown a little confused. It has grown out

of a feeling which is very natural in our outer districts. They feel that if they could take into membership women who are efficient in that place —the clergyman's wife or the head of the commissary department for example—it would help them. It is certainly a problem. It has been brought up in our meeting for two years under the head of "associate membership." I think the time has come when we must in a way close the subject; that is, we cannot every year find it in the matter of old business. I would like to have some expression of opinion. I have asked Mrs. Dwight if she will just set the subject before us.

Mrs. Dwight.—I am afraid it is not as simple as two and two making three, the way it did in our budget; but it seems to me, after all, it is as simple as that, because as an auxiliary to any organization, and certainly as an Auxiliary to the A. I. M. E., we are limited in our membership absolutely by the membership of our parent organization. Those who are eligible to a membership in the Woman's Auxiliary are the wives and families of members of the A. I. M. E. Now, our friends in the A. I. M.E. have interpreted that very liberally—many a one is your family who is habitually near and dear to you. Just the same we are limited in that way to that membership and if we follow the spirit of the A. I. M. E. in organization, which is our most ardent hope to do, we cannot get away from that membership.

I do not think there is anyone here who has listened to the reports who could think that we are not broadminded. Every one tells of the friends of this organization who have worked with them, not only in the minng camps of every Western Section we have but in our own New York Section, with the Braille, the Library Committee and every other committee. Without our friends we would be very poor. They have worked with us, most generously. But we cannot ask them to any kind of membership because it is not fair to them to offer them any real membership without a vote.

Mrs. Ihlseng.—I move that we vote on this question today, namely, that we realize as a body that our membership is fixed by our organic relation to the A. I. M. E. and therefore admits of no independent membership.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dwight and carried by a unanimous rising vote.

Official Pins

Mrs. Hardinge then announced that Woman's Auxiliary pins were ready for general distribution at one dollar each. She explained the change from two Ms to one, in order to follow the custom of the Institute, which legally uses the initials A. I. M. E., the one letter M standing for the two words Mining and Metallurgy.

New Officers Elected

The Chairman of the Balloting Committee, Mrs. L. K. Davis, notified the presiding officer, Mrs. Westervelt, that the result of the election, reported by the Tellers, Mrs. H. N. Spicer and Mrs. William H. Coburn, was as follows:

Number of ballots cast, 466, of which 11 were invalid. For

	No. of Votes
President, Mrs. William Young Westervelt	452
1st Vice President—Mrs. J. V. W. Reynders	452
2nd Vice President—Mrs. George D. Barron	451
3rd Vice President—Mrs. H. S. Mulliken	438
Recording Secretary—Mrs. John A. Church, Jr	453
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Donald M. Liddell	451
Treasurer—Mrs. Arthur S. Dwight	454

One vote was cast for each of the following named, for the office of third Vice-president: Mrs. C. C. Whittier, Mrs. John Church, Mrs. R. Lloyd, Mrs. H. Foster Bain, Mrs. George W. Coggeshall, Mrs. George S. Rice.

The re-elected President, Mrs. Westervelt, made her acceptance speech very brief, as follows:

The President's Acceptance

Ladies, you have heard the results of the ballots. The speech of acceptance of the President is supposed to follow. It strikes me as very funny. I have talked all day long. I will be very brief. I want to thank you sincerely and earnestly for your endorsement of my administration. I appreciate this re-election more than the election a year ago. You know now how faulty I am, but you are still standing behind me. You took me in the beginning by faith and you have not withdrawn that faith. I cannot thank you enough and I shall do my very best to serve you in the future as I have in the past. (The audience arose and applauded.)

There are just one or two things I want to bring to your attention. We have between 1400 and 1500 members. The A. I. M. E. membership is 10,000 but not all those 10,000 men are active members. They belong to the A. I. M. E. as they belong to their family. They graduate from College and they join the A. I. M. E. It is a certain phase of their life. They take it for granted that they shall be associated with the body of men who are their professional confrères. I wish we could put over in the Woman's Auxiliary that same idea. If they have 10,000, we should have 5000. I hear ladies on all sides say, as I move about, "Oh, I

could not do anything." No one asks you to do anything. We ask you to *belong*. We ask you to identify yourselves with the Woman's Auxiliary. It will cost you $1 this year and $2 next. This is a splendid year to join, while it is still $1.

Will you, as you go back to your Sections, take with you this idea that not every woman who comes into the Auxiliary is either expected or asked to work—although it is hoped, of course, that she will do all the work she can. If she moves where there is a group, then she can go to work, but in any event she can belong to our great mining and metallurgical family. It is worth it. We are of necessity migratory. It is one of the chains that we belong to this great organization. I would like very much if we could raise the membership this year 500 at least.

I was talking over the matter of public speaking—not that I call this public speaking, we are talking in the family—with a friend, and he gave me three rules. One was to get up; one was to speak up; another was to shut up. I have all day tried to comply with the first two; I now comply with the third. (Applause.)

Mrs. M. L. Griffin, (of Taunton, Mass.).—Mrs. Eilers has urged me to say that while my husband has been a member of the A. I. M. E. for many years, he has never been active, and as the years go by he is less so. He maintains his membership because he knows how much I enjoy the association with the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Westervelt.—There will be no change in the personnel of our six committees for the coming year. I am sure we cannot thank these ladies too much, and those who have carried on for the past number of years. We appreciate the new ones who are going to stand by me and by the Auxiliary this coming year.

The meeting adjourned at three-forty-five o'clock.